

1186, at Milan; before* Constance-
deputed for
the north, William exacted from his
valuta an
oath that they would rc-cognise her
us hciresg
of Sidly, should he himself die without
children.

Thus, by a most omaxing piece of
policy,
William IL willed away the Nonnun
kingdom,
Childless tui he was* he gave away by a
stroke of
the pen all that Nontum swordn had
conquered
and Norman, genius had organised.
Hit* rtmults
were to be? rmomentouH, Meanwhile
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and perilouH fond was endrd, mid a
"happy
marriage" had rteoncileti empirw mid
kingdom,
William unmoUiHUxl tunietl to Utt
pilicy of
contjucst and diplomacy which was
ilwur to him.

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not rttcovtir, for thts |x>wer of the
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too great to provoke, Hut |w Uxik up
again the
andtmt design u|x|m C.XMUtUintinopk*«
tunutd Im
c»y« toward this Holy Limtl, aiul
aj>{x;ar«d as
protwUw and chantpiou «»f thts
C*hristis«i
of the Kant. With Anmlru; of
J&rusaletn he
camti to an undtT»tandittg by which
they should
make a joint iitttwk tin Egypt, which
urtdttr Sdttclin
fatally thrwumtl th« I^ttin kingtlmn.
C)n hit
side, William d»i|«iU*ltrd in July, 1174*

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of I\$gyi>t wan not tn *Im* and
while
Sakdin hurried up the <lrovi} the
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 here, WillUun iitniwl